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DATE

August 10, 1978

TO

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FROM

L. E. ZIEMBA

SUBJECT

LAND AND LAKES COMPANY - LANDFILL SITE NEAR LAKE
CALUMET - CHICAGO

On the above date Kathy Nesburg, Enforcement Program Section, reported that information relayed to her by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Clifford Blackwell, (telephone 353-2094) alleged that a pink, foaming material was being pumped from a land site north of 122nd Street adjacent to Stony Island Avenue into Lake Calumet. Ms Nesburg reported that this observation was noted by the USEPA on Tuesday, August 8, and also that Bob Wengrow, from our Division of Land Pollution Control had observed the discharge. Ms Nesburg informed this Section since the USEPA apparently had expressed concern that this sort of discharge would need an NPDES permit ~~and since~~ the State had the authority they were reporting it to us for our necessary action.

The writer then contacted Robert Wengrow, Division of Land Pollution Control, Aurora regarding the observed discharge. Wengrow commented that the material was being pumped during a site inspection by Division of Land Pollution Control personnel and that material was pinkish in color with apparent foam. The writer then discussed the situation more with Ken Bechely, Division of Land Pollution Control, Aurora. Bechely commented that Land & Lakes Company (mailing address - 123 North Northwest Highway - Park Ridge, IL 60068) had received a developmental permit for the area in question (located north of 122nd Street and east of Stony Island Avenue.) Bechely commented that the pumpage was due to site preparation necessary in the developmental permit. I informed Bechely that the discharge of contaminants from the operation via a point source would require an NPDES permit issued by this Division. Bechely stated that he suspected this was necessary and was considering informing the company president, Jim Cowley (telephone 825-5000), of this necessity. Bechely commented that division personnel had recently taken water samples of the surface water in the area; however results were not known. He also stated that no samples of the discharge have been obtained by the Division of Land Pollution Control.

After discussing the above situation with Kathy Nesburg and Tom Daggett it was decided that such a discharge would require an NPDES permit and that this section would inform the owner of such necessity and conduct a site inspection as soon as possible.

Later that afternoon, at approximately 4:30 P.M., the writer contacted Jim Cowley, President of Land & Lakes Company and informed him that such pumpage would require an NPDES permit prior to discharge. Cowley stated that he was not aware of State

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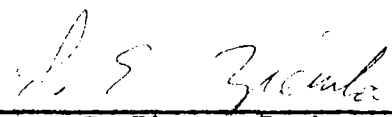
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involvement, he thought he had all the necessary approval from the Metropolitan Sanitary District of Greater Chicago and our Division of Land Pollution Control. I informed him of the necessary NPDES processing. He stated that his consultant, Charles Clark, was in Springfield and would immediately contact our Permit Section regarding necessary NPDES permits. I informed him that I would confirm our conversation with a letter and that I trust he would no longer discharge until necessary permits were acquired.

Cowley commented on the operation of the intended landfill site. He stated that his company had constructed a berm across the accumulated (ponded) surface water in order to separate possible contamination from the adjacent Paxton landfill. He also stated that Paxton Landfill had breached this berm in order to promote drainage from their area and that he estimated that he would have to pump for only another forty-eight hours in order to dewater the site.



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